



City of Wichita Falls

Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District

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PRESS RELEASE

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Food Handlers Training

Wichita Falls, Texas- Effective immediately the Wichita Falls Wichita County Public Health District will no longer require additional registration of food handlers in Wichita Falls and Wichita County if a person has completed an accredited online food handler training course.

Under new State of Texas law S.B. 582, a food service worker trained in a food handler training course accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is considered to have met the local health jurisdiction's training, testing, and permitting requirements. This does include online food handler courses offered in Texas. However, the Health District will require each food establishment to keep up-to-date employee training records that show completion of valid and current ANSI accredited training, or training done locally by the Health District.

The Health District will continue to offer food handler courses. The training cost is \$20.00 per person. Classes are offered in English and Spanish. For a schedule of classes go to health.wichitafallstx.gov or call 940.761.7820.

For questions concerning the new law or food handler training, please contact the Health District's Environmental Division at 940.761.7820.